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In re application of Teoh Hwa ANG

Serial No.: 09/734,800

Group No.: 3641

Filed: December 12, 2000

Examiner:

For: ARTILLERY FIRING SYSTEM

Assistant commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is

- a small entity. A statement:
 - is attached.
 - was already filed.
- other than a small entity.

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EXTENSION OF TERM

NOTE: "Extension of Time in Patent Cases (Supplement Amendments) — If a timely and complete response has been filed after a Non-Final Office Action, an extension of time is not required to permit filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period.

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NOTE: See 37 C.F.R. 1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings, and 37 C.F.R. 1.550(c) for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings.

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

(a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
(fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for the total number of months checked below:

	Extension <u>(months)</u>	Fee for other than <u>small entity</u>	Fee for <u>small entity</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	two months	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	three months	\$ 920.00	\$ 460.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	four months	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 720.00

Fee: \$ 110.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

An extension for _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor of
\$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now
requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ _____

OR

(b) Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this is a
conditional petition being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has
inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

				SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY		
	(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)					
Claims								
Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For		Present Extra	Rate	Addit. Fee	OR	Addit. Fee
Total	* 27	Minus	** 37	= 0	x \$ 9=	\$	x \$ 18=	\$
Indep.	* 3	Minus	*** 5	= 0	x \$ 42=	\$	x \$ 84=	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims				+ \$140=	\$		+ \$280=	\$
				Total Addit. Fee	\$ ____	OR	Total Addit. Fee	\$ ____

* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "O" in Col. 3,
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 *** If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, enter "3".
 The "Highest No. Previously Paid For" (Total or Indep.) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

WARNING: *"After final rejection or action (§ 1.113) amendments may be made canceling claims or complying with any requirement of form which has been made." 37 C.F.R. 1.116(a) (emphasis added).*

(complete (c) or (d), as applicable)

(c) No additional fee for claims is required.

OR

(d) Total additional fee for claims required \$ _____.

FEE PAYMENT

5. Attached is a check in the sum of \$ 110.00.
 Charge Account No. 12-0425 the sum of \$ _____.
 A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

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NOTE: *If there is a fee deficiency and there is no authorization to charge an account, additional fees are necessary to cover the additional time consumed in making up the original deficiency. If the maximum, six-month period has expired before the deficiency is noted and corrected, the application is held abandoned. In those instances where authorization to charge is included, processing delays are encountered in returning the papers to the PTO Finance Branch in order to apply these charges prior to action on the cases. Authorization to charge the deposit account for any fee deficiency should be checked. See the Notice of April 7, 1986, (1065 O.G. 31-33).*

6. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 12-0425.

AND/OR

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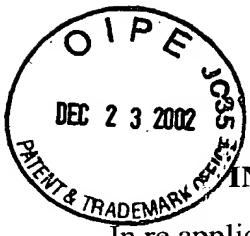
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RESPONSE TO ACTION OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2002

Please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-37.

Please add the following claims:

38. (new) In a recoil buffering apparatus for use with an artillery gun of a type mounted on a support platform and including a breech assembly connected to a barrel, the breech assembly having a firing mechanism for firing a projectile through an open end of the barrel, the improvements comprising:

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